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| **Winners of the 2023 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines Announced** |

**Toronto, June 27, 2023.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards and George Brown College, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines. The Lieutenant Governor presented the awards at a ceremony during the annual Rootstock Wine Symposium, a showcase for the best of Ontario VQA wines, at George Brown College.

**Winners of the 2023 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines**

* **Megalomaniac Bubblehead Limited Edition Brut**
* **Trius Winery** Showcase Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc 2020
* **Big Head Wines** Chardonay Stone 2022
* **Megalomaniac** Narcissist Reisling 2021
* **Domaine Queylus** Pinot Noir La Grande Réserve 2018
* **Sprucewood Shore Winery** Merlot Hawk’s Flight Reserve 2020
* **13th Street Winery** Gamay 2021
* **Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery** Ravine Cabernet Franc 2020
* **Thirty Bench Wine Makers** Wild Cask Cabernet Franc 2020

9 wines have been recognized for their overall excellence, regardless of vintage or varietal. The winning wines were chosen from 558 wines submitted.

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| **Media opportunity** |
| **Who:** | The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of OntarioMr. Tony Aspler, President Emeritus, Ontario Wine AwardsTony Garcia, Director, George Brown College, CHCA |
| **What:** | Presentation of the 2023 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines in partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards |
| **Where:** | The Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts at George Brown CollegeGrand Atrium, 300 Adelaide Street East, Toronto |
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**The Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines**

* The Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines is incorporated into the annual Ontario Wine Awards as a “top-tier” award, with the highest-scoring wines in each year’s varietal categories competing against each other. The 2023 award recipients have been selected from among the Ontario Wine Awards’ varietal winners.
* The Ontario Wine Awards selects the judging panel.
* The Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines is supported by the Grape Growers of Ontario, the Wine Council of Ontario, and the Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario.

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